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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Office of Managing Director  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Oral *Ex Parte* Communication  
CC Dockets 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the FCC's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the captioned proceeding.

On Sunday, November 16, 2003, James Jenkins on behalf of U.S. Cellular Corporation ("U.S. Cellular"), Scott Bergs on behalf of Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC ("Midwest"), along with undersigned counsel, on behalf of the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers ("ARCC"), met with Joint Board member Greg Fogleman to discuss the ongoing proceeding in the above-referenced docket.

We discussed uses of support, controlling fund growth, portability of support, and disaggregation of support. The positions taken were consistent with papers previously filed with the Commission by Midwest, the ARCC and U.S. Cellular. Copies of the materials distributed at the meeting are enclosed.

Sincerely,

/s/

David A. LaFuria

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Greg Fogleman